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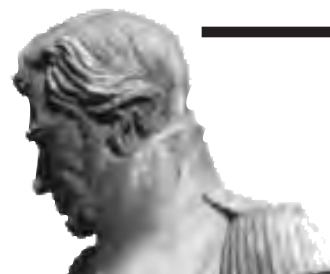
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Paying tribute



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A memorial flag is illuminated Sept. 11, 2007, near the spot where American Airlines Flight 77 crashed into the Pentagon six years earlier. The attack on the Pentagon killed 125 people.

Fort Jackson to remember 9/11 victims

By **SUSANNE KAPPLER**
Fort Jackson Leader

When American Airlines Flight 11 crashed into the North Tower of the World Trade Center at 8:46 a.m., Sept. 11, 2001, it set off a series of events that led to the deaths of almost 3,000 people as a direct result of the day's attacks and the deaths of more than 6,000 coalition service members in the ensuing wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Fort Jackson will commemorate the ninth anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks with

several events, beginning with a wreath-laying ceremony to formally pay tribute to the victims of the attacks, scheduled for 9 a.m., Friday in front of Post Headquarters.

Col. Jeffrey Sanderson, Fort Jackson's chief of staff, compared the cultural impact of the attacks to another traumatic event in American history.

"Our fathers and grandfathers ... vividly recall where they were and what they were doing during the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941," Sanderson said. "The 9/11 terror attacks are etched into our genera-

tion's collective memory, and all of us recall where we were and what we were doing when the terror began. By the afternoon of Sept. 11, 2001, we all knew the world had changed. As an Army, we have been at war ever since."

The ceremony will include an overview of the events of 9/11, a missing-persons display, a moment of silence and a 21-gun salute. The speaker will be Maj. Gen. James Milano, Fort Jackson's commanding general.

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An American date not to be forgotten

An independent survey, conducted not that long ago, concluded that nearly half of all Americans — 49 percent to be exact — believe that Americans have forgotten the impact of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that claimed the lives of more than 3,000 people. The poll, however, concluded that 39 percent of Americans feel the impact has not been forgotten and that 12 percent were uncertain how they felt.

I find the numbers rather disheartening, because I personally cannot envision so many respondents saying that the impact from 9/11 is something that Americans are capable of forgetting. That day was a life changer for anyone who was old enough at the time to understand it.

For the record, I believe it should be mandatory to commemorate Sept. 11, 2001. That was the consensus of Congress when our lawmakers took action following the attacks to immortalize Sept. 11 by designating it as Patriot Day, a national observance that was first marked on Sept. 11, 2002, and has been observed on each subsequent Sept. 11.

The Patriot Day proclamation is not a difficult document to understand. Its second sentence kind of spells it out: “We will not forget the events of that terrible morning nor will we forget how Americans responded in New York City, at the Pentagon, and in the skies over Pennsylvania — with heroism and selflessness; with compassion and courage; and with prayer and hope. We will always

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remember our collective obligation to ensure that justice is done, that freedom prevails and that the principles upon which our Nation was founded endure ...”

Let me step back and explain that the Army does not allow itself to be distracted by opinions, polls or politics. Soldiers stay focused on the missions at hand that reflect the intentions of our commander in chief, and we execute accordingly. As Soldiers, we man the front lines and protect America and its way of life. We have taken the oath to serve and protect.

That does not mean, however, that Soldiers are purely mechanical and devoid of feelings and emotions. On the contrary, the memories of the direct enemy attack on our soil only fuels our resolve to stamp out this evil.

As Soldiers, we are committed to winning the war against terror. Our objectives have not changed since Day

One, although the strategy, tactics and other dynamics of the fight have been refined and refocused. We welcome the challenge of the next mission in this ongoing fight, because we know our nation is counting on us. We are well aware of what is at stake.

This weekend, we will remember the Soldiers and other military men and women who will not have a chance to attend any of our planned activities or any other gatherings because they will be executing their missions downrange. We will take note of the many successes of the Soldiers who have gone before us and the sacrifices that they have made in advancing the fight against these ultimate extremists.

We will also remember the numerous acts of civilian courage that were associated with 9/11. How could we ever forget the impact of watching those first emergency workers on the scene?

That is what makes this country so great, the ability for so many diverse people to mobilize and do what needs to be done at a time when it really counts.

This weekend, Fort Jackson invites Soldiers and civilians to come together again and mark this day. There will be events on post, to include a run and a concert. And there will be the laying of a wreath in front of post headquarters. Remember that there is no correct or incorrect way to observe 9/11. The point is never to forget it.

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Army puts energy front, center

In the past, energy has been a side conversation for the Army. It tended to be an area of concern for some experts and specialists, but for a lot of us, whether Soldiers and civilians in the workplace or family members in the community, we did not give it much thought. Maybe we paid attention to the public service announcements reminding us to turn off lights, but that was about it.

However, with changing security concerns and increased demands on finite financial and natural resources, energy has become an issue we all have to pay attention to. We must proactively address today's energy challenges for the sake of ourselves, our mission and our nation as well as for future generations. So I intend to keep the issue front and center. I intend to keep the dialogue focused on what we in the Installation Management Community must do, can do and are doing to increase the Army's energy efficiency and security.

The Army depends on a reliable, safe, cost-effective supply of energy to accomplish its mission, as well as provide a good quality of life for Soldiers, civilians and families on installations worldwide. To the extent that the supply and distribution of energy lay outside the Army's control, the ability to accomplish our mission is open to risk.

In January 2009, the Army issued guidance for increasing energy security; the Army Energy Security Implementation Strategy. The Installation Management Campaign Plan, the strategic document directing our actions, includes a section focused on energy efficiency and security; this section, Line of Effort — or LOE, 6 — was developed in support of the Army energy guidance. The keys to success for LOE 6 focus on reducing energy and water consumption, increasing energy and water efficiency, modernizing infrastructure, and developing renewable and alternative energy supplies.

Since Version 1 of the campaign plan was released in March, we have continued to work on LOE 6, in particular refining the keys to success and developing meaningful metrics to measure our progress. Version 2 of the campaign plan will be released in October, which is

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national Energy Awareness Month. I did not plan for the two events to coincide, but it is fitting. The revised LOE 6 will show us the way ahead for achieving the energy security and efficiency that is a critical part of achieving and maintaining installation readiness.

While the campaign plan is the driving force in changing how we do business, the Installation Management Energy Portfolio is our toolbox. This document, which is also being revised for release in October, describes Army programs and initiatives that help installations realize their energy goals. One example is metering. Residential Communities Initiative housing on 45 Army installations are metered to measure whether the occupants of each unit are using above or below the energy usage baseline every month. Provided with the meter data, occupants have steadily reduced their energy consumption so that 80 percent now receive money back for using less than the baseline each month.

Other programs and initiatives include efforts to improve the Army's energy grid security and management, to track and offset utility costs, and to require that new military construction and renovation meet rigorous energy efficiency standards.

I have always said that vision without resources is hallucination, so the Energy Portfolio also lists a number of resource opportunities. These include Army and private programs, contracts and other vehicles through which

PC misuse can lead to stiff penalties

By **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Those who think they can get away with viewing pornography or prohibited websites on their government computers beware. You are being monitored.

That is the message Fort Jackson's Network Enterprise Center is trying to get out to prevent the misuse of government computers and help users avoid disciplinary and possible criminal actions.

"Every connection to the Internet is logged and we go through those logs," said LaShonda Howard, information assurance officer. "Even if you clear your history, it is logged."

Each day employees at NEC go through the Internet history of more than 8,000 computers on the installation — that is equal to about 10 million website hits a day. Websites that have adult themes, such as pornography, gambling and dating services are strictly prohibited on government computers.

When a user's log indicates he or she is actively seeking out a prohibited site, the NEC contacts that user's supervisors for disciplinary actions.

"We aren't looking for people who mistakenly click on the wrong link and it brings up porn," Howard said. "We are searching for those who actively seek it out."

Depending on the severity of the case, when logs reveal a user has accessed prohibited sites, the NEC sends out an e-mail warning to the user that he or she is being monitored.

So far this fiscal year, the NEC has investigated and referred five cases of accessing pornography at Fort Jackson.

"It has been less and less as the community of Fort Jackson becomes aware that the network is closely monitored," Rene Muniz, chief of Information Assurance, said of the instances of prohibited websites being accessed. "Folks for the most part know what websites they are not allowed to visit."

In the case of child pornography, the Army Criminal In-



Photo by **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**

An employee with the Network Enterprise Center monitors Internet use across the installation.

vestigation Division is contacted immediately. "If anything suggests that child pornography is involved, it is hands off for us and CID takes over," Muniz said.

The NEC filters most prohibited and illegal websites; however, there are instances when a user is able to access those sites, Howard said. An example would be when an adult-themed link is located on an acceptable site.

There are also proxy sites that allow users to circumvent an Internet filter.

"They are out there for collecting information on you," Howard said. "You may think you are getting something for free, but really they are getting your information in return."

Prohibited and illegal sites may also not be viewed on government laptops or Blackberries that a user takes home, even if the computer is connected to a commercial Internet provider.

"This is not your computer. This is a government computer," Howard said. "Everything you do on the Internet leaves a trace."

The NEC is not involved in the disciplinary procedures, but does provide documentation that might be needed, Muniz said. NEC officials can disable a user's account immediately for accessing pornography, then his or her supervisor or unit commander is notified. For a first offense, a user's computer account is typically suspended for a week.

Punishment can also range from Uniform Code of Military Justice actions to job termination and prison for child pornography, according to Army Regulations 25-2 Information Management Information Assurance.

"The 165th Infantry Brigade considers the responsible use of our government computers a must for the success of our mission," said Col. Bryan Rudacille, brigade commander. "With the proliferation of computers in the workplace, we can ill afford to violate the clear guidelines we have established for proper use. Violations are a serious matter and people are held accountable for their actions."

Rudacille said all allegations of improper use of government computers are fully investigated. Soldiers can have their privileges suspended while the investigation is ongoing, and if found in violation, the command takes appropriate action through administrative or judicial means.

"Leaders throughout the brigade are obligated to protect our resources and prevent mishaps," Rudacille said. "Whether they are inadvertent or deliberate."

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In memoriam

Two Soldiers pay their respects to Chaplain (Capt.) Dale Goetz during a memorial service Friday at the Armed Forces Chaplain Center. Goetz, who at one time attended the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, was killed by an IED Aug. 30 in Afghanistan. Goetz is the first chaplain to be killed in combat in 40 years.

Photo by **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**

Honorable mention

Staff Sgt. Geczel Rivera, a platoon sergeant with the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School, receives the Soldier's Medal from Brig. Gen. Donald Rutherford, the deputy chief of chaplains, during a ceremony Thursday. Rivera received the medal, which is given for valor during non-combat conditions, for his role in helping a woman and her two children escape from their burning vehicle during an accident last year. The Soldier's Medal is the highest military honor a Soldier can receive in a non-combat situation.

Photo by Julia Simpkins, USACHCS



NCO rallies community to save son

Parents hope post marrow donor drive will yield match

By **CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Staff Sgt. Stephanie Johnson said she knew something was wrong when her ordinarily active child began to constantly complain about aches and pains. The simplest movements became so difficult for her son, then 6 or 7 years old, that he even had problems getting up to use the bathroom.

"Teejay (Fitzgerald) was continuously complaining about chronic hip and back pain. We were in and out of hospitals," she said. "Teejay was the kind of child who if he said something was wrong, something was wrong. I saw him (go from) a vibrant little boy to a boy who was sedentary."

For the next several years, the pain became a constant for Teejay, and in 1998 he was diagnosed with juvenile arthritis and scoliosis. But years later, Johnson found out that diagnosis was way off the mark. In April 2003, as she was serving an unaccompanied tour in Korea, she received a Red Cross message from her family: Teejay had collapsed at school, she was told. And he wouldn't survive the 18 hours it would take his mom to reach him.

However, Teejay survived and the now 20-year-old Teejay spends his time in a hospital bed at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore battling what he and his family found

out was B-cell lymphoma — a type of cancer that has left him with a life-threatening bone marrow disorder that typically transforms into leukemia. His is stage 4 cancer.

After a series of issues, including what Johnson said was a chemotherapy overdose, Teejay underwent a procedure that was essentially a self transplant; doctors took some of Teejay's "clean" marrow and transplanted him with it. His body rejected it.

"They're telling us if we do not find a match for my son, it could be a year or less before he (dies)," Johnson said.

Her son's medical situation left Johnson — then a drill sergeant with the 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment — despondent, and she eventually shared her situation with Lt. Col. Montez Gorrell-Goode, officer-in-charge of Moncrief Army Community Hos-

pital's Family Health Clinic.

"The first day I met her, she came in asking if she could get some information on how to conduct a bone marrow drive," Gorrell-Goode said.

Though Gorrell-Goode was unfamiliar with the procedure, she started researching to find out what could be done to help Teejay. She soon discovered that the DoD has its own bone marrow registry, and

MACH linked with DoD staff to schedule a drive at Fort Jackson. Those interested in donating need to fill out a form, Gorrell-Goode said, and have their mouths swabbed to determine whether they are a preliminary match.

According to the DoD's marrow donor program site, www.dodmarrow.org, once a preliminary match is made, the potential donor is brought in for further testing to

confirm compatibility. Though the Fort Jackson drive is aimed at helping Teejay, Gorrell-Goode said those who aren't a match for Teejay may be a match for someone else in the DoD registry.

"Even though we're doing it in honor of Teejay, it helps DoD-wide," Gorrell-Goode said. "We're hoping not only to find a match for Teejay, but for others."

Johnson, who last month was compassionately reassigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center to be closer to her son — shared a similar sentiment.

"I'm hoping for a match for my son, but if not, maybe (there will be) a match for someone else's son or daughter or mother or father," said Johnson, who said that she has watched people as young as toddlers suffer while awaiting their own transplants.

In that spirit, Johnson said she hopes the Fort Jackson community will support next week's marrow registration drive.

"Leukemia is a disease that affects any nationality," she said. "Anyone can be tested, and everyone should be tested, to see if (he or she) can give a portion of their bone marrow. You're giving (someone else) a whole lot, but you're not losing anything."

Johnson said what Gorrell-Goode — who goes by Dr. GG or Lt. Col. GG — has done for her and her family is immeasurable.

"Dr. GG is actually the one who spearheaded and took this on," Johnson said about the marrow registry drive. "I believe she was placed in my life by God; she is a guardian angel, and I'm very grateful."

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I'm hoping for a match for my son, but ... maybe there will be a match for someone else's son or daughter or mother or father.

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— Staff Sgt. Stephanie Johnson

IN THE KNOW

What: Fort Jackson's C.W. Bill Young DoD Marrow Donor Registration Drive

When: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Tuesday

Where: Solomon Center

Eligibility: Those 18 to 60 in good health. Potential donors who have tattoos/piercings, have been given malaria shots/pills, have lived in the UK, have been deployed to Iraq or Afghanistan or have a cold are still eligible to register. Call 751-4483/2210 or 800-MARROW-3 or visit www.dodmarrow.org for more information.

News and notes

120TH CSM LEAVES BATTALION

Command Sgt. Maj. Roderick Brown relinquished responsibility of the 120th Adjutant General Battalion in a ceremony Friday at the battalion chapel.

HOUSING AREA ROAD CLOSES

A portion of Furman-Smith Road will be closed starting Tuesday. Families residing on Legge Court must enter and exit from Lee Road. Families in the new field grade officer housing must use Gilmer Court.

SOLDIER TOWN HALL SET

A single Soldier town hall meeting is scheduled for 5:30 to 7 p.m., Monday at the Solomon Center. Installation representatives will be available to answer questions and address concerns.

PX OUTLINES EXCHANGE POLICY

The process for merchandise returns and exchanges at the PX has stipulations for 90, 30 and 15-day returns. Items in new condition may be exchanged or returned within 90 days. Jewelry and watches, camcorders, televisions, digital cameras, furniture, mattresses, major appliances and gas-powered equipment must be returned within 30 days. Computers and unopened software/peripherals, CD, DVDs and video games must be returned within 15 days. Gift cards (including pre-paid music, wireless and phone cards) are non-refundable.

Investigative open house



Courtesy photo

Members of Fort Jackson's Criminal Investigation Command office simulate searching through evidence. The Fort Jackson CID office is celebrating the CID's 39th birthday with an open house, 1 to 3 p.m., Sept. 17. All are invited. The office is located at 5483 Marion Ave. Call 751-3789 for more information.

Survey gives customers voice



Sept. 9 — 9 p.m.
Salt PG-13 100 min.

Sept. 10 — 4 p.m.
Planet 51 PG 91 min.

Sept. 10 — 7 p.m.
Charlie St. Cloud PG-13 99 min.

Sept. 11 — 4 p.m.
Cats & Dogs: PG 82 min.
The Revenge of Kitty Galore

Sept. 12 — 6 p.m.
Charlie St. Cloud PG-13 99 min.

Sept. 15 — 2 p.m.
Charlie St. Cloud PG-13 99 min.

Sept. 15 — 5 p.m.
Cats & Dogs: PG 82 min.
The Revenge of Kitty Galore

Sept. 16 — 6 p.m.
Charlie St. Cloud PG-13 99 min.

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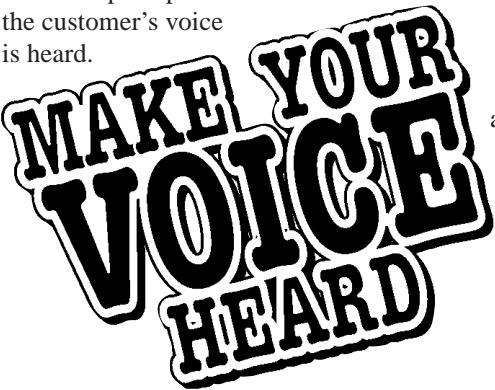
From Customer Management Services

Fort Jackson's constituents now have the opportunity to take time to share on-post experiences with garrison leadership through the annual Customer Service Assessment. The survey is available online at www.mymilitaryvoice.org through Sept. 26.

The Customer Service Assessment is a web-based tool that provides Fort Jackson constituents — Soldiers, family members, retirees, civilian employees, veterans and contractors — the opportunity to tell the garrison commander how well they think services are being performed.

Mission commanders and organizational leaders will also be able to rate those services based on importance and priority to their organizational mission. This is the only tool of its kind that asks installation leaders and customers to provide direct feedback so garrisons, regions

and IMCOM headquarters can analyze customer perceptions to ensure the customer's voice is heard.



Primary services rated are those with a customer service component such as:

- ☐ Army Family Housing
- ☐ Personnel services (ID, CAC)
- ☐ Employee Assistance Program
- ☐ Education (post secondary)
- ☐ Volunteer programs
- ☐ Child, Youth and School Services

- ☐ Physical security
- ☐ Family readiness programs
- ☐ Civilian Personnel System

Leaders will have an opportunity to also rate areas such as:

- ☐ Wireless infrastructure
- ☐ Substance abuse and prevention
- ☐ Material maintenance support
- ☐ Deployment cycle services
- ☐ Logistics
- ☐ Emergency communications
- ☐ Range operations
- ☐ Central Issue Facility

The difference between what we think we know and what the customer actually tells us is at the center of the Customer Service Assessment.

For more information on the 2010 Customer Service Assessment, contact Dennis Ramirez at 751-4926 or via e-mail at Dennis.Ramirez2@us.army.mil.

Let your voice be heard!

LEADER DEADLINES

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- ☐ Send all submissions to FJLeader@conus.army.mil.

Kid Rock to salute troops

By THERESA O'HAGAN

Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Detroit rocker Kid Rock will perform a free concert Saturday for Soldiers, family members and DoD civilians at Hilton Field as part of Fort Jackson's Patriot Day events. Non-DoD identification card holders can purchase tickets through Ticketmaster for \$30 and at the gate.

This week's salute to the troops is not the first time Kid Rock has performed for Soldiers. Kid Rock performed for the troops in December in Southeast Asia as part of a 12-day, seven-show tour. Before arriving in Baghdad, the tour made stops in Turkey and Kirkuk, Iraq.

Kid Rock produces a mixture of songs that span genres including Rock, Hip Hop and country. Blackberry Smoke, Saturday's Atlanta-based opening act, plays southern rock.

The gates to Hilton Field will open at 5:30 p.m. Blackberry Smoke will begin at 7 p.m. and Kid Rock will begin at approximately 8:30 p.m. and play until approximately 10 p.m. Be sure to allow enough time to get through the gates and park — satellite parking may be required.

Tickets are complimentary to those with a valid DoD ID. Please visit Family and MWR and AAFES facilities to pick up tickets — there is a two ticket limit per visit. Valid DoD ID must be presented along with ticket for free entry to the show. Tickets may still be available at the Solomon Center, Marion Street Station, Marketing Department (Joe E. Mann Bldg), NCO Club, Magraders Club and Pub, Officers' Club and Century Lanes Bowling Center. Tickets are also available at Fort Jackson AAFES PX, Class 6 and select Shoppettes.

To access the post, each person in the vehicle will need a government issued ID such as a driver's license or state ID. Some vehicles may be selected for a vehicle or bag search. Please leave early to allow enough time to enter the gates on post. There could be a line.

Free parking will be available to all attendees. There is a lot adjacent to the field and additional satellite parking is available nearby. Handicapped Parking is available as well. The field and bleachers are wheelchair accessible.

The event is general admission, so there are no assigned seats. There will be standing room on the lawn in front of the stage and bleacher seating toward the back of the field. Blankets and lawn chairs are allowed; however, coolers and outside food and beverage are not allowed.



U.S. Air Force photo by Airman 1st Class Amber Ashcraft
Kid Rock performs at Incirlik Air Base, Turkey Dec. 1, 2009. The singer will perform in concert on Fort Jackson's Hilton Field Saturday.

DOS AND DON'TS

No video cameras, audio recording devices, professional photography equipment, flash photography of any kind, coolers, outside food and beverage, weapons, illegal substances or pets are allowed, no offensive or revealing attire. Smoking is allowed only in designated smoking areas.

Please note that the Soldiers in Basic and Advanced Training at Fort Jackson will be in an area that is not open to the public. Contact with BCT Soldiers is not allowed.

Food and beverages will be available for sale.

Ceremonies to mark 9/11

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"The enemy attacked high-profile targets that day, but it was an attack all across America. We all felt the pain and heartache of the attack, regardless of where we were or what we were doing," Sanderson said. "The world changed in an instant and it is fitting that we pause and reflect on that tragic day, its long aftermath and all it represents."

On Saturday, community members will have the opportunity to embark on a 5K walk/run or 10K run to pay tribute to the victims. The run, which is set to start 7 a.m. at the Hilton Field Softball Complex, is hosted by the 3rd Battalion, 34th Infantry Regiment.

Lt. Col. Bryan Hernandez, commander of the 3-34th, said he got the idea after taking command last year when he found out the battalion did not have a tradition in place to commemorate 9/11.

"I saw that we were beginning to forget one of the prime reasons we serve in the military — the defense of our nation," Hernandez said. "And so, I held a battalion formation with our cadre and Initial Entry Training Soldiers, and we had a short memorial ..."

Hernandez said he decided to expand the commemoration this year by organizing the run.

"The 9/11 Memorial Run is our way to remember those great Americans who were killed on that tragic day in New York, Washington D.C., and in Pennsylvania," he said. "It is also our way to remember those who have fought and died in the war to ensure that an event like 9/11 does not ever happen again."

Runners and walkers will start and finish between two 10-foot replicas of the World Trade Center towers. Before the run, a 9/11 Pentagon survivor will share his story with the participants.

"We have an obligation to never forget that tragic day, as well as (to) ensure that our nation's younger generations do not as well," Hernandez said. "That is the only way to make sure it never happens again."

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Voters can get assistance through federal program

From the Fort Jackson
Inspector General's Office

The Torres family has just arrived at Fort Jackson. Staff Sgt. Torres and her husband are interested in voting, but are unclear on their eligibility or in which state they hold legal residency. Where can the Torres family go for assistance?

Military spouses or other eligible family members can receive voting assistance through the unit voting assistance officer. For voting purposes, your "legal state of residence" can be the state or territory where you last resided prior to entering military service or the state or territory that you have since claimed as your legal residence.

The goals of the Federal Voting Assistance Program and VAOs are to inform

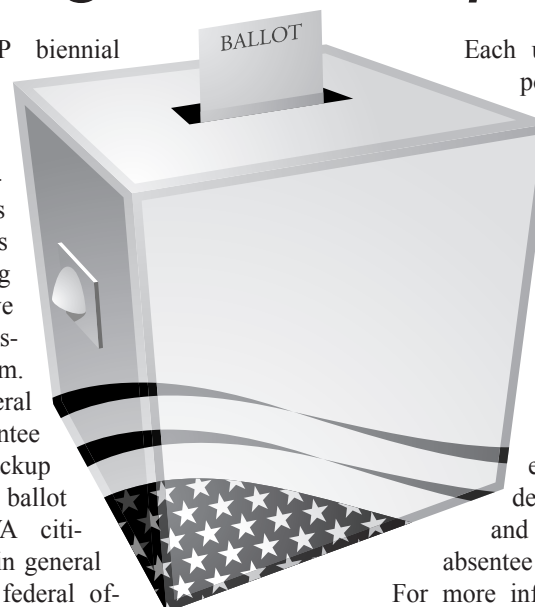
and educate U.S. citizens worldwide of their right to vote, foster voting participation, protect the integrity of, and enhance, the electoral process at the federal, state, and local levels, and promote effectiveness and efficiency in the administration of the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act.

The director of the Federal Voting Assistance Program administers the act on behalf of the secretary of defense.

Each federal department and agency with personnel covered by the act is required to have a voting assistance program.

U.S. citizens allowed to vote under UOCAVA include members of the active duty military, merchant marines, their family members, and U.S. citizens residing outside the country.

The FVAP biennial Voting Action Plan and DoD directive 1000.4 establish policies and guidelines for carrying out an effective voting assistance program. The federal write-in absentee ballot is a backup or emergency ballot that UOCAVA citizens can use in general elections for federal office.



Each unit is required to appoint, in writing, a unit voting assistance officer. The unit chain of command should announce who has been appointed as the unit VAO. Additionally, each installation is required to have an installation VAO. A VAO's duty and responsibility is to help ensure that citizens understand their voting rights and how to register and vote absentee under UOCAVA.

For more information regarding the FVAP visit www.fvap.gov.

N.C. estate provides day-tripping escape

By **CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN**
Fort Jackson Leader

Some of us take a break from our everyday lives by taking a long bath. Others may escape to a quiet cabin in the woods. George Vanderbilt played in his 125,000 acre backyard.

Just a 2.5 hour ride from Columbia in Asheville, N.C., Biltmore Estates, which Vanderbilt (yes, of those Vanderbilts) began building in the late 1880s, was a respite for his family and friends. Today, the estate provides a luxurious backdrop for a day trip or weekend getaway.

A recent trip to the estate began with a tour of the Biltmore winery in the estate's Antler Hill Village. Guests may opt for a short guided tour of the winery or for a more lengthy behind-the-scenes tour, both of which end in the spacious tasting room, where they can sample several wines from the winery's nearly 50 selections. Though the shorter tour is included in the price of the estate admission, those who opt for the lengthier tours sample some of the estate's premium wines.

The winery's large gift shop offers visitors a chance to buy the various wines or stock up on wine-related knick knacks, gourmet sauces and beer, also made at the estate.

Though my party decided on an impromptu picnic, Antler Hill Village has its own eating options, which include a tavern that serves two estate-made beers and a creamery that serves ice cream made from the estate's original recipe. Incidentally, the recipe dates back to when cows were milked in what is now the winery.

Antler Hill also includes a farm, where visitors can explore farm life in the early

1900s, the Village Green, with live entertainment and an outdoor shop from which visitors can rent or sign up for a variety of activities, including carriage rides, river trips and Segway tours.

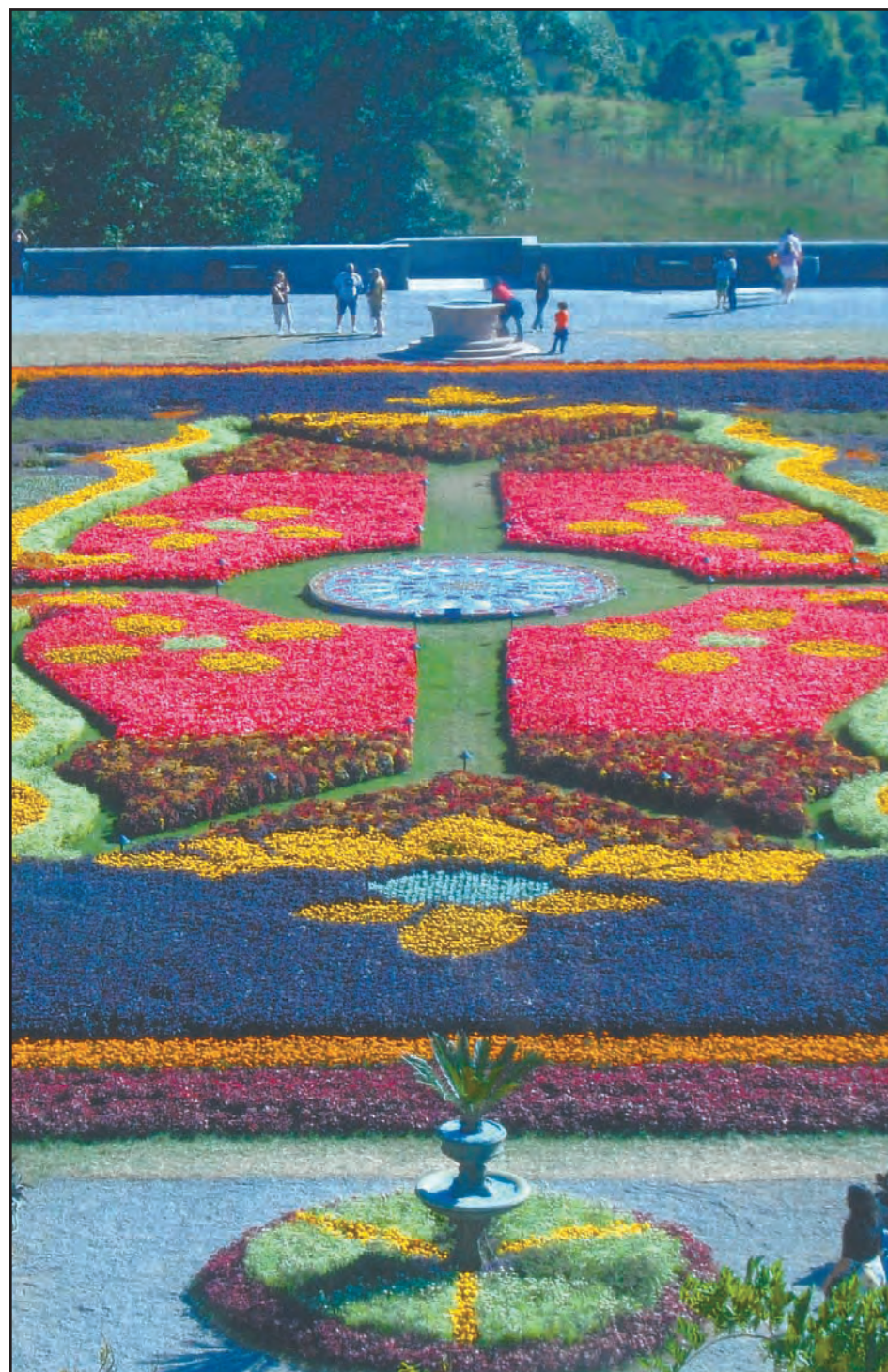
Shuttle buses transport visitors from the village to house, 3 miles away. Grab an ice cream cone and water from the Creamery while you wait; a huge Labor Day crowd — combined with participants in the same day's Ford Mustang show — made shuttle service slow.

Driving up to the house was an experience in itself; massive stone columns and a huge wrought-iron gate welcome visitors into the home and garden area, a popular spot for weddings and wedding photos. The house itself is reminiscent of 16th century France and boasts 250 rooms, a 10,000 volume library, 65 fireplaces, a 70,000 gallon indoor pool, bowling alley and — most interesting to me — three separate kitchens, including one made especially for pastries and one for roasting and smoking meats. Though the estate offers audio tours, the brochure offers lots of history and strategically placed guides can answer any questions. Guided and specialty tours are also available.

The estate's website says to allow at least two hours to explore the house; even a speedy self-guided tour takes at least an hour. For those wanting to stay overnight, there is on-site lodging. Though children are welcome, those under 10 may grow bored quickly if not at the farm or participating in the outdoor activities.

Visit the Biltmore Estates website at www.biltmore.com for more information. Discounted tickets for military are available at Victory Travel.

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Photos by CRYSTAL LEWIS BROWN

An open window inside the Biltmore house provides a bird's-eye view of the Flower Carpet, a quarter acre of approximately 155,000 plants.



Wine and wineglasses are seemingly set for guests to the Biltmore winery on a table made from a tree once planted by George Vanderbilt's only daughter.



The Biltmore House covers nearly 4 acres of land. Though no one has lived in the home since the 1950s, it is still owned by the Vanderbilt family.

Mobilized Reservist skates through life

By KRIS GONZALEZ

Fort Jackson Leader

Push-ups, sit-ups — and skating?

That's how 51-year-old Staff Sgt. Toure Clark stays physically fit.

Now he's on a mission to show the Fort Jackson community that roller skating isn't just for kids — that the sport is “all grown up” and can be a fun workout for everyone.

“I'm living proof that our older generation can be the fit generation,” said Clark, who travels the world entertaining Soldiers in hopes to encourage them to take up what was once one of America's favorite pastimes and turn it into an entertaining way to stay in shape.

Clark, unit supply noncommissioned officer-in-charge for Company E, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, didn't learn to skate until he was 23.

He said a friend took him to a rink in Alexandria, Va., in 1984 and introduced him to skating, which had become very popular in the 1980s.

The mobilized Reservist became passionate about learning how to “dance on wheels.”

On any given Friday or Saturday night, Clark could be found in the packed rink practicing his moves.

But just as he learned how to keep up on his feet, Clark, a Marine at the time, received orders to Okinawa, Japan.

Once he arrived in Japan, he discovered the only roller skating rink at Okinawa.

“This roller skating rink was a hidden gem,” Clark said.

There, he not only improved his skating skills, but he also met other service members, become acquainted with Japanese civilians and learned to speak Japanese.

When he moved back to the United States a few years later, he brought his passion for roller skating and his advanced skills with him.

He later became the president of the Augusta Georgia Jamskaters, a professional roller skating group that travels to military installations worldwide showcasing skating talents. The group has performed in FMWR and B.O.S.S talent shows, during the pre-show opening act of the 2009 U.S Army Soldier Show, and auditioned for America's Got Talent last year.

Today, 26 years after he put on his first pair of skates, Clark said he's in the best shape of his life.

Staff Sgt. Winora Hoyle, a Reservist with Company B, 321st Regiment, shared that sentiment.

“He's tremendously fit,” Hoyle said of Clark, who is at the rink skating at least three times per week. “He's getting a great cardiovascular workout every time.”

Hoyle, who serves as vice president of the Jamskaters, said she is impressed by Clark's ability.

“He's a master skater,” she said of Clark. “He's excellent. He has so many free-style moves.”

Hoyle and Clark both said they encourage anyone to take up the sport.

“Skating is for all ages,” Hoyle said. “It's fun, it's family oriented and it's great exercise for anybody.”

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“I'm living proof that our older generation can be the fit generation.”

— Staff Sgt. Toure Clark
3-60th



Staff Sgt. Toure Clark, Company E, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, demonstrates some of his moves at the Fort Jackson skate park.

*Photo by
KRIS GONZALEZ*

Patriotism runs deep in military family

Father, four sisters combine for 117 years of service

By **CHRIS RASMUSSEN**
Fort Jackson Leader

When Spc. Amaryillis Miller steps off Hilton Field today following graduation she will be fulfilling a family tradition of serving the country.

Miller, who will graduate with Company E, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment, is the fourth sister to become a Soldier.

"I decided to join the Army so I can provide a better life for me and my family," said Miller, 37. "We are a very patriotic family. I am the second oldest sister, but the last one to come in the Army."

Theresa Miller, who enlisted in the Army in 1992, said all four sisters joined the Army as a direct result of their father, retired Sgt. Maj. James Miller. The family's combined years of service total 117.

"We have all been in the military and now our sister, Spc. Miller, is finally the last of the four girls to go in," said Theresa Miller, who currently works on Fort Jackson. "This is a tribute to our father that we have followed in his footsteps. I am glad for (my sister) finally waking up and seeing that the military runs deep in our blood."

Amaryillis Miller, who will go on to Advanced Individual Training to become a motor transport operator, said her father played a major factor in deciding to choose the Army path.

"I am following the family tradition started by my dad," she said. "Basic Combat Training has been a challenge, but a good challenge because I had my family behind me to motivate me."

Amaryillis Miller, who has a master's degree in psychology, hopes to eventually become a mental health specialist in the Army sometime in the future.

"I look forward to making a career out of the military, like my dad and my sisters," she said. "I want to continue that proud tradition of being a Soldier."

The other two sisters, Dianna Adams, who retired, and Faith LaJoy Newman, have a combined 34 years of service in the Army.

"I am so proud to have all four of my daughters to have served in the Army,"



Photo by CHRIS RASMUSSEN

Spc. Amaryillis Miller, Company E, 1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment graduates Basic Combat Training today. She is the last of four sisters to join the Army, following in their father's footsteps who retired after more than 30 years of service as a sergeant major. Combined, the Miller family has accumulated 117 years of service.

James Miller said. "It was not forced upon them. They all made their individual decisions to go in."

James Miller, who is currently a junior ROTC instructor at Wil Lou Gray Opportunity School in Columbia, retired after more than 30 years of service in the Army.

After completion of Basic Combat Training and Airborne school, he was assigned to a tour of duty in Vietnam. During his tour, he was wounded twice — receiving two Purple Hearts — and was promoted from corporal to staff sergeant within one month. He was then assigned as a drill sergeant at Fort Jackson.

"I've never had any hesitation about my girls joining the Army. I went in during Vietnam, so I knew they would be OK," he said. "The Army has been good to our family."

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"I am so proud to have all four of my daughters to have served in the Army. It was not forced upon them."

— **James Miller**
Father



Courtesy photo

Retired Sgt. Maj. James Miller poses with his four daughters, all of whom have served in the Army. From left, Dianna Adams, Theresa Miller, James Miller, Amaryillis Miller and Faith LaJoy Newman.



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IMCOM focuses on energy

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installations can partner with private industry to gain expertise and resources to create innovative energy programs.

Finally, the Energy Portfolio highlights several projects in which installations are making creative use of all these resources to save and produce energy. These projects include a 12-acre solar power array at Fort Carson, Colo., a vegetative roof project at Tobyhanna Army Depot in Pennsylvania, a methane gas project at Fort Knox, Ky., the first wind turbine on an active Army installation at Tooele Army Depot in Utah, and solar walls at Fort Drum, N.Y. The revised Energy Portfolio will expand on this last section in particular, to provide ideas and inspiration to other members of the Installation Management Community.

In addition to Version 2 of the campaign plan and the revised Energy Portfolio, in October, I will also publish an energy operations order, to direct specific actions that raise the overall level of effort within the IMCOM Community.

When we look at the energy projects around our installations, we can see the Installation Management Community has made a solid start in addressing energy issues. However, when we consider those issues, we can also see how far we still have to go. Last year we spent \$1.3 billion for the installation utility bill, which includes electricity, steam, water and natural gas. The Army spent \$4 billion for fuel and utilities. That is a large price tag for resources we do not control and that will run out eventually.

I am looking for people who are passionate about energy issues and committed to finding innovative ways to solve the challenges. One key person is the garrison energy manager. Every garrison needs a full-time energy manager, or more than one, depending on the size of the installation, who can help leadership build a robust

energy program. And every garrison needs leadership to back a robust energy plan. Leadership has to communicate that every Soldier, civilian employee and family member on the installation is responsible for doing his or her part.

Occasionally, someone who is less-than-committed to energy efficiency says to me, in effect, "Hey, quit going on about turning off the lights." Here is an idea: Turn off the lights, and I will quit talking about it.

When we have achieved the energy efficiencies that are possible; when we have found ways to avoid energy costs and reduced unavoidable costs and limited our use of non-renewable resources — then we can talk about other issues, such as to which Soldier and Family programs to apply the savings.

Focusing on our energy programs is truly non-negotiable. We have to look to our programs to generate savings that will help with the Army's part of the \$23 billion in efficiencies that the Secretary of Defense is requiring from all the services. We have to look to them to more securely position us to accomplish our missions, to provide an even better quality of life for Soldiers and Families, and to help address some critical environmental issues, so that we do not pass them on to our children and their children. For all of these reasons, it is the right thing to do to get our energy programs right.



LETTERS Editor

DRILL SERGEANTS DESERVE PRAISE

Today I attended a graduation ceremony at Fort Jackson military post for a career military man, Staff Sgt. Scott W. Shirk. He was taking the next step in his service to our country by becoming a drill sergeant.

It is one thing to become emotional when the band plays the patriotic songs about our country, and yes, tears did come to my eyes. It is another thing entirely to truly understand what has to happen behind the scenes so we can sing about the "Land of the Free" and the "Home of the Brave."

I was amazed at what I learned. Drill sergeants are the ones who are entrusted with our sons and daughters to train them to be safe and defend our country with the excellence and pride we embody as an American nation. It all rests on their shoulders. They must become father, mother, counselor, trainer, disciplinarian and cheerleader, and yet always maintain their professional relationships with the hundreds of thousands of Soldiers who step up to the plate and want to defend our country.

They do not reap the praise of anyone, really. For the most part we all think of them as — ahem — insufferable people and we certainly would never entertain the idea of actually liking them. But where would our nation's defense be were it not for their capable hands?

How would raw American citizens turn into the intricate and well oiled machine that is our military? Who does this thankless, unappreciated and non-glamorous job? The American drill sergeant.

As part of their creed, they vow never to ask a recruit to do anything they wouldn't do themselves. This graduating class at Fort Jackson, class 13-10, proved that by fighting through most of their training in over 100 degree weather. Dedication. Cream of the Crop. True loyalists. That's what I learned today.

I am proud that I got to shake his hand today, and to thank him for his service to our country. At the end of a very long day I am proud to be protected by a man like Staff Sgt. Scott W. Shirk who stands up and says, "This We'll Defend."

—Marilee Mahan
Raleigh, N. C.



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Saluting this Basic Combat Training cycle's honorees

DRILL SERGEANTS OF THE CYCLE



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SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Yevgeniy Zhuzhzhlov

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Joseph Kizer

HIGH BRM
Pvt. James Graves

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Odin Guerard



Staff Sgt. Erica Little
Company B
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Jerry Williams

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Cynthia Luna

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Charles Cozad

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. David Lane



Staff Sgt. Tanea Walker
Company C
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Stefanie Lessmeister

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Erin Colburn

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Dan Sharrard

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Justin Waltho



Staff Sgt. Edward Merced
Company D
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. Ashlee Schuler

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Ruben Toavs

HIGH BRM
Pvt. Matthew Kezer

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pfc. Konnor Robbins



Staff Sgt. Brian Self
Company E
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Spc. James Giles

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pvt. Dustin Walthall

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Franklin Gadea

HIGH APFT SCORE
Spc. Allison Burke



Staff Sgt. Michael Sturgeon
Company F
1st Battalion,
61st Infantry Regiment

SOLDIER LEADER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Christian Toczko

SOLDIER OF THE CYCLE
Pfc. Tabatha Trice

HIGH BRM
Pfc. Ryan Wood

HIGH APFT SCORE
Pvt. Martin Baculinao

SUPPORT AWARDS OF THE CYCLE

STAFF SUPPORT
Staff Sgt. Marisa Thompson

TRAINING SUPPORT
Benjamin Hannah

SERVICE SUPPORT
Cindi Keene

DFAC SUPPORT
Annalesa Parker

FAMILY SUPPORT
Melinda Bosch

This week's training honors



Sgt. 1st Class William Teselle
Platoon sergeant of the cycle
369th Adjutant General Battalion

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HAPPENINGS

Calendar

Wednesday
Community Information Exchange Meeting
1 to 2 p.m., Post Conference Room

Thursday, Sept. 16
POW-MIA Recognition Day
9 to 10 a.m., Hilton Field

Tuesday, Sept. 14-Thursday, Sept. 16
Medic table VII testing
8 a.m. to 4 p.m., MACH
Soldiers in all components with a 68W military occupational specialty are required to take this annual test. Call 751-2488 for information.

Friday, Sept. 17
171st Infantry Brigade Veterans Day Golf Tournament
9:30 a.m., Fort Jackson Golf Course
For more information, call 751-3319 or e-mail *Douglas.Schuckman@conus.army.mil*.

Saturday, Sept. 18
“Do it in Pink” workout aerobathon
10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Solomon Center

Wednesday, Sept. 22
Retiree focus group
8 a.m. to noon, Family Readiness Center
To register, call 751-4926.

Friday, Sept. 24
Red Cross blood drive
9 a.m. to 2 p.m., 520 Brown Ave.
For donor eligibility, call 360-2036. To make an appointment, call 738-8275.

Housing events

Throughout September
Self Improvement Month
Balfour Beatty Communities is offering prizes to the winner of a monthlong walking challenge. Whoever logs the most miles walked by the end of the month will receive a \$50 gift card and a gift basket. To participate, call 738-8275 or e-mail *ayoungblood@bbcgrp.com*.

Every Tuesday
La Leche League
10 to 11:30 a.m.
The La Leche League is a breastfeeding support group geared toward pregnant and nursing mothers to provide them an opportunity to share concerns. No registration is necessary.

Monday
International Chocolate Day
3 p.m.
Come by for a gift bag filled with delicious chocolates.

Monday, Sept. 20
Reduce, Reuse, Recycle art contest
2 p.m.
Submissions for the contest are due today. Children 5 to 12 are invited to submit

artwork made from recyclable material. The winner will have his or her artwork displayed in the community center, have his or her photo placed on the website and win a prize.

Tuesday, Sept. 21
Neighborhood huddle
10 a.m.
Ask questions and share concerns.

All events are held in the Community Center, 520 Brown Ave., unless otherwise specified. Call 738-8275 for information.

Announcements

SSA CLOSURE
The Supply Support Activity will be closed Friday for its annual inventory. In order to prepare for the inventory, the SSA will stop issuing to customers at close of business, today. The SSA will resume normal operations Sept. 13. For more information, call 751-3497.

PARTNERSHIPS IN EDUCATION
The first Partnership in Education meeting for the 2010-2011 school year is scheduled from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Officers’ Club. The guest speaker is Kevin Bruch, military family quality of life regional liaison, who will talk about the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. For more information, call Ann Gordon at 751-6150.

HOME SCHOOLING WORKSHOP
A workshop on home schooling is scheduled for 10 to 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, at the Main Post Chapel conference room. RSVP is required by Tuesday. For more information and to RSVP, call Ann Gordon at 751-6150.

RECRUITMENT BRIEFING
The Fort Jackson field office has scheduled a recruitment briefing 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., Wednesday at the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) for people interested in becoming counterintelligence special agents. For more information, call 751-7852.

HR FOR SUPERVISORS
A course on HR for supervisors is scheduled for 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Sept. 27-30, at the Soldier Support Institute, Room 408. Priority will be given to supervisors with less than two years of experience. Both civilian and military supervisors are eligible to attend if they supervise at least three appropriated fund civilians. To register, visit *https://www.atrrs.army.mil/channels/chrts/*. For more information, call Melissa Williams at 751-5063.

AG CORPS BREAKFAST
The Adjutant General Corps Regimental Association, Carolina Chapter has scheduled its quarterly membership breakfast for 7 to 8:30 a.m., Sept. 30, at

the NCO Club. All Soldiers, civilians and family members are invited. Tickets are \$8 and are available until Sept. 24. For more information, call Capt. Christopher Flores at 751-8520 or e-mail *Christopher.Flores1@conus.army.mil*.

NUTRITION CLINIC SCHEDULE
The Nutrition Clinic at Moncrief Army Community Hospital has scheduled the following classes for September.
— Diabetes class: 8 a.m. to noon, today
— Cholesterol and high blood pressure class: 2 to 3 p.m., Sept. 20 and 30
— Army Move: 2 to 3 p.m., Monday and Sept. 27 (Session 1); 2 to 3 p.m., Sept. 16 and 29 (Session 2)
— Victory weight loss class: 2 to 3 p.m., today
— Pre-teen weight loss class: 2 to 3 p.m., Sept. 23
All classes are in Room 8-85. Army Move! and sports nutrition classes are now offered online. For more information and to register, call 751-2115/2363/2273.

EFMP TALENT SHOW
All children and adults enrolled in the Exceptional Family Member Program are invited to participate in the EFMP’s first talent/fashion show. The show is scheduled for 6 p.m., Sept. 24 at the Joe E. Mann Center. Those interested in volunteering with the show by setting up, directing and more, can call 751-5256 for information.

PARALYZED VETERANS PLOT
The Southeastern Paralyzed Veterans of America are seeking volunteers to maintain the group’s Fort Jackson garden plot. The group is also seeking volunteer board members to manage the plot. Donations of garden tools and gardening material are being accepted. Call 629-5589 for more information.

TOBACCO CESSATION CLASSES
The last tobacco cessation class of the year is scheduled for Sept. 30. Classes for 2011 are scheduled for: Jan. 13, March 13, April 28, June 16, Sept. 1 and Oct. 20. All classes are 3 to 4 p.m. in the Moncrief Army Community Hospital conference room. Anyone interested in quitting tobacco use may attend.

CUSTOMER SERVICE SURVEY
Fort Jackson’s annual Customer Service Assessment is available at *www.mymilitaryvoice.org* beginning Monday. The survey, which runs through Sept. 26, is open to Soldiers, family members, retirees, civilian employees, veterans and contractors. The survey allows service users to let garrison leaders know what is important to them and how they feel service providers have performed.

MUSICIANS SOUGHT
The Fort Jackson Chaplain’s Office is seeking pianists and organists to play for Soldier worship services. The musicians will be required each Sunday. Positions are unpaid. Call 751-3121 for information.

VOLUNTEEN PROGRAM
The American Red Cross VolunTEEN school year program begins with its first meeting 5 p.m., Tuesday at Building 2464, Anderson Hall. The program is for students 12 to 18 years old. Parents of new and returning members are asked to come in to complete paperwork at the start of the meeting. Call 751-4329 for information.

Visit the community calendar at www.jackson.army.mil for a full listing of calendar events.

Off-post events

COMMUNITY APPRECIATION
Houston’s Low Country Grill will host a community appreciation and 9/11 tribute starting at 10:30 a.m., Saturday at 3800 North Main St. Military members will be honored at the event.

NEXT TEEN IDOL SOUGHT
The Richland County Public Library is hosting a vocal competition for teenagers. Auditions are scheduled for 2:30 to 4 p.m, Sunday at the Main Library, the show is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., Oct. 28. For more information, call 929-3434 or visit *www.myRCPL.com/teen*.

HISTORIC COLUMBIA TOURS
The Historic Columbia Foundation offers specialty tours in Columbia’s downtown district this fall. Among the tours offered are the Woodrow Wilson Hard Hat Tour; Garden Tours; and the Women of Hampton-Preston Tour. Discounts for milit

CONGAREE CANOE TOURS
The registration period for free canoe tours between Oct. 1 and Dec. 31 at Congaree National Park will begin Wednesday. To register, call 776-4396.

MILITARY COLLECTOR SHOW
The 49th Ole North State Antique Gun and Military Collector Show is scheduled for Sept. 18-19 at the North Carolina State Fairgrounds in Raleigh, N.C. For more information, call (704) 282-1339.

COIN SHOW
The Camden Coin Club hosts its annual coin show from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 25, at the Camden Recreation Department, 1042 W. DeKalb St., Camden. Admission and parking are free. For more information, visit *www.sc-na.org*.

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Fort Jackson visit stirs vets’ memories

By KRIS GONZALEZ
Fort Jackson Leader

More than 100 World War II veterans toured Fort Jackson Friday as part of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge National Convention held last week in Columbia.

The war heroes expected to see young Basic Combat Training Soldiers carrying state-of-the-art equipment and training in modern warfare.

For veteran Carl Shell of Junction City, Kan., the last thing he thought he would ever see was a phantom from his past.

But for Shell, who served as a gunner for the first and third platoons of Company A, 14th Tank battalion, 9th Armored Division — the “Phantom Division” — what he saw here was no illusion.

Positioned just outside of the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) dining facility, where the veterans ate lunch, was an M-26 Pershing Tank that once belonged to Company A’s second platoon.

Shell was shocked.

“This is really something else,” Shell said as he inspected the armored vehicle. “It’s a once in a lifetime find. I’d love to get right up there,” he said eying the turret. “I used to spring right up there, but not anymore.”

Shell, 84, who said he lied about his age when he joined

the Army at 16 years old in 1942, said it wasn’t until he arrived in Belgium in 1944 that he first engaged in combat.

“I was lucky enough to knock out one German tank,” Shell said.

Seeing one of his company’s tanks at Fort Jackson, he said, brought back memories of his “old training days” and how he survived the battle.

“As a gunner I was somewhat protected,” Shell said. “But once you got hit, you knew it. And it was extremely cold. I was lucky to be in a tank, but we still didn’t have heaters back in those days.

Hubert Brown, of Lexington, said he remembers those cold days well. He said he wasn’t lucky enough to drive a tank until after the Bulge. As a mounted military policeman serving with the 10th Armored Division, Brown had little protection from the elements. He said he policed the streets in Belgium, searching for land mines and German booby traps, while riding a horse and sometimes marching in the snow.

“Our feet got rotten, muddy and wet and frozen,” Brown said. “I lost all my toenails; I’m lucky I didn’t lose my toes.”

The Battle of the Bulge was fought during one of Europe’s coldest winters. Lasting from Dec. 16, 1944 until Jan. 25, 1945, it was the longest battle of World War II, and the bloodiest. Out of the nearly half a million American Soldiers who fought, about 19,000 were killed, and upward of

90,000 were wounded.

Hope Rogers Kirkendall and her friend Dorothy Taft Barre, who were Army Corps nurses serving in Belgium at the time, said they helped at least 250,000 wounded Soldiers and civilians.

“When they came in wounded, you didn’t ask if they were American or German, you just helped them and took care of their wounds,” Kirkendall said.

“We were a holding hospital,” Barre said. “We did what we could for them, then we shipped them back out.”

Kirkendall and Barre, who had lost contact with each other when they returned from the war, reconnected with each other about five years ago. They use the annual conference as a way to reunite every year.

Saturday, the women joined other veterans at the Fort Jackson Cemetery for a wreath laying ceremony honoring those who fought and died in the famous battle.

There, Maj. Gen. Douglas Carver, the Army’s chief of chaplains, asked that they, and all Americans, reflect on the challenges the veterans of the Battle of the Bulge endured, and he thanked the veterans for the many sacrifices they made.

“I know why you are called, and will always be called, in the history of our great country and the world, the greatest generation,” Carver said. “And we salute you.”

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Carl Shell points to a 30-caliber machine gun on top of an M-26 Pershing Tank outside of the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception) dining facility Friday. Shell was a gunner for the first and third platoons of Company A, 14th Tank battalion, 9th Armored Division during the Battle of the Bulge.



Above, Pfc. Maribeth Paguirigan, a Basic Combat Training Soldier with the 120th Adjutant General Battalion (Reception), escorts Charles Kneisley to the battalion dining facility Friday. Kneisley served with the 75th Infantry Division during the Battle of the Bulge. Left, Richard Switzer pays respect to the fallen Soldiers of the Battle of the Bulge as Taps is played during a wreath-laying ceremony Saturday at the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. Switzer served with the 99th infantry Division during the battle.

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Fire Chief



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□ A civilian's driver's license was confiscated and suspended after he was charged with drunken driving, MPs said. The driver failed three sobriety tests and had a blood-alcohol content of .25 percent, more than three times the state legal limit of .08 percent, MPs said. The driver was also charged with driving with an open container, MPs said. His vehicle was towed from the installation.

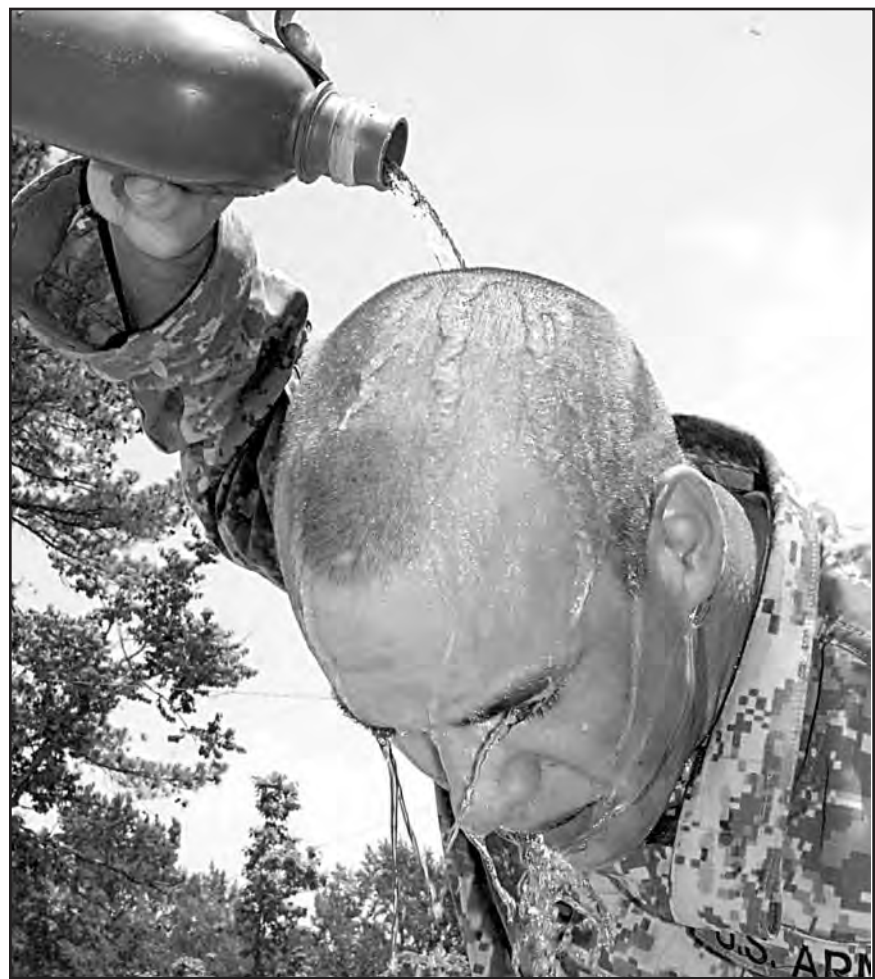
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CASES OF THE WEEK

□ A civilian was cited for driving with a suspended license and failure to use child restraints after attempting to enter the post, Military Police said. The civilian's vehicle was released to another driver.

□ A civilian was arrested and turned over to the Richland County Sheriff's Department after MPs discovered he had an active warrant for child neglect, MPs said. The civilian was also charged with driving with an expired registration, driving with a suspended license and operating an uninsured vehicle. His vehicle was towed from the in-

Heat injury procedures



- Call 911 at the first sign of heat injury (including mental status change).
- Use ice sheets
- Give the Soldier sips of water
- Monitor him or her at all times.

Emergency numbers:

Cell phone users: 803-751-9111.

Alternate 1: Range control via radio.

Alternate 2: Range control at 751-7171/4732.

Alternate 3: MP desk at 751-3113/3114/3115.

Never leave the Soldier unattended!

911 & ICE:

At the first sign — every time.

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Survey: Most Soldiers feel resilient

By **ANGELA DINKINS SMITH**
Moncrief Army Community Hospital

In the Army, the rate of Soldier suicides has risen in each of the past five years. In fiscal year 2009, at least 160 Soldiers took their lives, while there were more than 1,700 suicide attempts.

In an effort to preserve human life, Fort Jackson is observing National Suicide Prevention Week through Saturday, along with the rest of the nation. The primary purpose of the week is to make sure that someone who is considering suicide knows every available option before attempting to do so with the hope that he or she will find something more to live for in the process.

The Department of Behavioral Health will be sponsoring a display table in the hospital lobby during Suicide Prevention Week. Representatives from the Department of Behavioral Health will be available to answer questions, and brochures on suicide prevention and wellness will be provided.

The Army Health Promotion, Risk Reduction Suicide Prevention 2010 report indicates that Soldiers are at greatest suicide risk early in their careers because they have not yet built sufficient resiliency to deal with transitions and cumulative stress. Additionally, military personnel are often

highly reluctant to ask for help because of the perception that it is a sign of weakness.

In the words of Gen. George W. Casey, Army chief of staff, “The stigma attached to seeking mental health treatment is not just any Army problem, it’s a societal problem.”

A survey was completed this summer by the Soldier Resiliency Suicide Prevention Review Board to examine stressors and the level of resiliency for permanent party Soldiers at Fort Jackson. Findings from the survey indicate that only 31 percent of Soldiers who reported being depressed sought help from a behavioral health provider at a military installation within the last year; 15 percent sought treatment from a civilian behavioral health provider and only 12 percent used Military OneSource.

However, some very positive findings also emerged from the installation survey. Most Soldiers, 80 percent, who reported being depressed also reported feeling highly resilient to thrive in the face of challenges and adversity. Additional research is being conducted through the Department of Behavioral Health to better explain the complex societal, medical and individual interactions related to suicidal behaviors.

The primary stressors reported by Soldiers continue to be marital/relationship problems, work related stress, legal and financial issues. In fact, based on the recent Fort Jack-

son Suicide Prevention Task Force Survey, 47 percent of permanent party soldiers indicated that they worry about personal finances.

Fortunately, in addition to the Department of Behavioral Health, there are a number of programs available at Fort Jackson designed to focus on the health and well-being of Soldiers and their family members. For example, Army Community Services offers Financial Readiness, Domestic Violence Awareness, Stress and Anger Management. Other programs offered through ACS include the Exceptional Family Member program and New Parent Support Program.

We can all do our part in the fight to prevent suicides. It is imperative that we know the risk factors and identify warning signs but most importantly, that we take the time to care. It is important to remember that one of the best tools for prevention is getting to know fellow Soldiers and subordinates. Regardless of the amount of suicide prevention training one has had, one won’t know if someone is considering suicide unless he or she truly gets to know that person on a personal level.

***Editor’s note:** Angela Dinkins Smith is a research psychologist with the Department of Behavioral Health. She is a commander in the U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps.*

MACH updates

DINING ROOM CLOSED

The MACH dining room is scheduled to reopen later this month. The mobile kitchen will be available breakfast, lunch and dinner for hot food, grill items and “grab & go” items. Meal times will be adjusted and menu offerings will be limited. Prices will stay the same.

CATARACT EVALUATIONS

MACH is offering quick cataract evaluations Sept. 14 for all beneficiary categories, including active duty family members, retirees and retiree family members. Call 751-5406 to schedule an appointment.

ONCOLOGY BRIEFINGS

MACH is offering oncology briefings 11 a.m., Sept. 16 and 5 p.m., Sept. 21 for oncology patients regarding the upcoming closure of the Oncology Clinic. Both briefings will be in the staff conference room. Call 751-2123/2778 for information.

OUTPROCESSING

Soldiers must clear the Department of Behavioral Health prior to leaving the installation. Outprocessing hours are 2 to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday at MACH Room 10-71 or 10-103. For more information, call 751-2235.

FAMILY MEMBER ENROLLMENT

MACH is now enrolling adult active-duty family members. Pediatric Prime enrollment is also available.

Immunizations important for children, adults

By **TIM COFFEY**
Moncrief Army Community Hospital

There was a lot of interest generated last year regarding the H1N1 — or swine flu — vaccine. But it is important to remember about the rest of the immunizations that can protect family members.

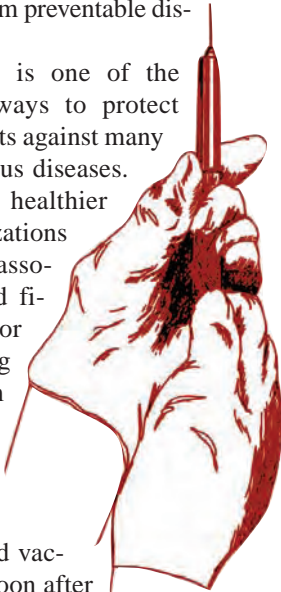
Each family that protects its members is also protecting the community from potentially dangerous diseases. Although babies, young children and the elderly are often the most at-risk and the biggest set of age groups receiving shots, it is wise to make sure every adult is aware of the importance of immunization.

The discovery of vaccines has virtually eradicated smallpox, measles and polio. However, thousands of people in America who have not had their recommended shots

die every year from preventable diseases.

Immunization is one of the most effective ways to protect children and adults against many common infectious diseases. Keeping people healthier through immunizations results in lower associated social and financial costs for families, including time lost from school and work, as well as the expense of medical bills.

Recommended vaccinations begin soon after birth and continue throughout life. It is im-



portant to get the right vaccines in the right doses at the right time.

People should take note of their immunization status and stay updated along with their children to reduce the entire family’s risk of contracting one of these diseases. Moncrief Army Community Hospital has all the recommended immunizations available for eligible patients.

Make an appointment to see a primary care manager to discuss immunization status.

Visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at <http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/recs/schedules/> for more information on what immunizations are recommended.

***Editor’s note:** Tim Coffey is an adult nurse practitioner at Moncrief Army Community Hospital.*

Frequently called numbers

To make or cancel appointments 751-CARE (2273); toll free: 877-273-5584	Medical Records Administrator 751-4510	Refill pharmacy toll free 751-2250
Health Benefits Office 51-2425	Patient Administration Division 751-2208/2773	Referral Center (Health Care Finders) 751-2363
Hospital Information 751-2183/2160	Patient Services Office 751-2123/2425/2778/0471	Third Party Collections 751-2582
Laboratory 751-7808/2260	Pharmacy 751-2385/2415/4051	Urgent Care Clinic 751-2273/2211
Mammography (Imaging Center) 751-2417	Family Health Center Consult Line 751-5757/4045	TRICARE Information 1-800-444-5445

Program keeps kids on EDGE!

Spaces still available in September classes

Leader staff report

Spaces are still available for the five September EDGE! classes, said Beverly Metcalfe, the program’s director.

And with four new classes, Metcalfe said the offerings appeal to children of all ages.

“It’s not your typical thing they can get from (anywhere else),” Metcalfe said of the September EDGE! curriculum. “You can (take) gymnastics anywhere,” she said, “but where can you go to get a geocaching or animation (class)?”

Geocaching, a type of treasure hunting with a GPS, is one of four new classes offered through the EDGE! program this month. The EDGE!, which stands for Experience, Develop, Grow, and Excel, is an after school and summer program for children, 6 to 18, offered within Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation partner facilities.

Metcalfe said the program also has worked closely with parents who home-school their children in creating programs that fit into their curriculum.

In addition to the geocaching class, the EDGE! will offer a girls-only craft class, an art class, microwave cooking class and a pirate program.



Leader file photo

The EDGE! program, an after school and summer program for children 6 to 18, offers an array of classes, including a DiY beauty class (shown here) in which participants made their own bubble bath.

Dorothy Salley, program associate, said EDGE! staff looks for creative and unique ways to teach and entertain the children.

We want to “help them learn to use their brains creatively,” she said. The classes are also about helping children develop lifelong skills, she said.

A prime example, said Salley, is the Microwave Magic class, in which children will learn to cook their own snacks using a microwave. Put away the standby chicken nuggets; recipes include black bean nachos, quesadillas and spaghetti and meatballs.

Metcalfe said the program is also a

way for parents to make sure their children are in a safe environment after school.

“How are your kids spending their time after school?” Metcalfe asked. “Here, they’re safe.”

EDGE! programs are free for children, 11 to 18. The fee for 6 to 10 year olds is \$5 per hour. Children may attend for an entire month or selected weeks during the month. Call 751-3053 to sign up for EDGE! programs. For a complete list of fall EDGE! classes visit the website at <http://fortjacksonmwr.com/cyss/edge/> and click on EDGE! 2010 Calendar.

Current EDGE! classes

- ❑ **Crafts for Girls Only** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Thursdays, 5955-D Parker Lane. Learn to make shoulder bags, puzzles, a hair accessories bin and more. For girls 9-16.
- ❑ **Altered Art** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Mondays, 5955-D Parker Lane. Turn ordinary objects into works of art. Partitipants will make a clock, personalized clipboard and more. For ages 9-16.
- ❑ **Geocaching** — 4 to 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, 5955-D Parker Lane. Participants will meet at Parker Lane to depart to various locations. Build a container for your treasure, take a trip to Sesquicentennial State Park to find hidden treasure and more . For ages



- ❑ **Microwave Magic** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Wednesdays, 5955-D Parker Lane. Learn to make nachos, dip, smoothies and more; all in the microwave. For ages 11-18.

- ❑ **A Pirate’s Life for Me** — 3:30 to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Fridays, 5955-D Parker Lane. Learn to do everything from talking like a pirate to using a treasure map to find a pirate’s booty. For ages 9-15.
- The EDGE! offers free classes as part of the Army Middle School and Teen Initiative for those 11 years old. For children 9 and 10, classes are \$5 per hour. Register online at <https://webtrac.mwr.army.mil> or at Parent Central Services, 3392 Magruder Ave. “Like” the Fort Jackson EDGE program on Facebook. Call 751-3053 for information.*



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FMWR calendar

- THURSDAY**
- ❑ Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.
 - ❑ Visit the **Officers’ Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Mongolian BBQ buffet.
 - ❑ **Magruder’s Pub and Club** is open for lunch.
 - ❑ **Victory Bingo**, 2 to 11 p.m.
 - ❑ Sleepy story time, 6:30 to 7 p.m., **Post Library**. Come in your PJs, and go home ready for bed.

- FRIDAY**
- ❑ Visit the **Officers’ Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for the Blue Plate Specials.
 - ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts 2 p.m.
 - ❑ Artistic Expressions with Jake, 6:30 p.m., Teen Room at the **Youth Services Center**.
 - ❑ Dance to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magruder’s Club**, 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. Ma-gruder’s Club is located in the back of Magruder’s Pub. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military. Be early for happy hour, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Appetizers are available, while supplies last.

- SATURDAY**
- ❑ **Mountain Biking Mistletoe State Park**, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call 751-3484 for information and fee.
 - ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts 1 p.m.
 - ❑ Step Team practice, 2 p.m., dance room at the **Youth Services Center**.
 - ❑ Classic Soul Saturday, 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m., Ex-calibur Room at the **NCO Club**. Cover charge is \$5 for civilians and \$3 for military.
 - ❑ Buy one wing, get one free at **Magruder’s Club and Pub**.

- SUNDAY**
- ❑ **Victory Bingo**, starts 10 a.m.
 - ❑ Visit the **Officers’ Club**, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for Sunday brunch. Coat and tie are not required. Call 751-4906 or 782-8761 for reservations.

- MONDAY**
- ❑ Military amputee 1st Swing Clinic, **Fort Jack-son Golf Club**

- WEDNESDAY**
- ❑ Get your party on at the **NCO Club**, 8 p.m. Cost is \$5 for military, \$7 for civilians. New DJs. Join in for Morale Call 8 p.m. at the NCO Club’s Liberty Lounge.
 - ❑ Wednesdays at **Club NCO** are now Working Women’s Wednesdays with specials for the ladies, starting 10 p.m. Club NCO features three bars.
 - ❑ Karaoke night with Tom Marable, **Magruder’s Pub**. Cost is \$3 for military, \$5 for civilians.
 - ❑ Victory Readers Club, 6-8 p.m., **Post Library**
 - ❑ **Magruder’s Pub and Club** happy hour, 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- For a complete calendar of FMWR events, visit www.fortjacksonmwr.com.

- ONGOING OFFERS**
- ❑ The **NCO Club** breakfast is served 6 to 9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$3.75 for children 4 to 10 years old.
 - ❑ The **Officers’ Club** is open for lunch Tuesday-Friday, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - ❑ **Child, Youth and School Services** provides free child care and youth programming on Satur-day for active-duty parents who must work as a mission requirement, including parents who are in the National Guard or Reserve during training.

Do you speak the languages of love?

By **CHAPLAIN (MAJ.) DAVID WAKE**
U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School

For the Army families here at Fort Jackson, especially those who have recently redeployed from OEF or OIF, I would like to recommend a new way for Soldiers to show love to their spouses and children.

Using the book, “The Five Love Languages” by Dr. Gary Chapman, I have discovered a new way to show love to others. He says there are five different ways to show love or speak the language of love.

If we do not use the language the other person understands, then the love does not get through. But, if we do use the right language, the love comes through loud and clear. Here are the five languages; which one do you want to receive?

- ❑ Words of affirmation — receiving compliments, loving notes and surprise phone calls to say “I Love You.”
- ❑ Gifts — anything that shows the thought and time put into the “perfect” gift.
- ❑ Acts of service — doing the important things around house without being reminded.
- ❑ Quality time — just spending moments of life together, regardless of the activity.
- ❑ Physical touch — the hand holding, hugging and kissing that say more than words. The concept is to speak the language of love to help



the other person in your life *feel* the love.

When you talk directly to the heart, then you will fill the “love tank” and your relationship will flourish. When we don’t speak the right language, then the “love tank” is empty and there are times of struggle and despair.

I pray that as Soldiers return home and reintegrate into their families, these simple guidelines will help them discover their love language — and fill the “love tank.” I know that each of us is eager to fill the “love tank” of the great man or woman in our lives. There is no better time than now. God bless.

“Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.” 1 Peter 4:8



PROTESTANT

- Sunday
 - 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel
 - 9 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel) service at the Post Theater
 - 9 a.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
 - 9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel
 - 9:30 a.m. Solomon Center (Hispanic)
 - 9:40 a.m. Moncrief Army Community Hospital
 - 10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Main Post Chapel)
 - 11 a.m. Memorial Chapel
 - 11 a.m. Chapel Next, Bayonet Chapel
 - Wednesday
 - 6 p.m. Prayer Service, Magruder Chapel
- Protestant Bible Study**
- Monday
 - 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study (PWOC — Main

- Post Chapel, Class 209)
- Tuesday
 - 9:30 a.m. to noon Women's Bible Study (PWOC), Main Post Chapel
 - Wednesday
 - 7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Gospel mid-week prayer/Bible study, Magruder Chapel
 - 7 p.m. Gospel Congregation Youth (Magruder Chapel)
 - Thursday
 - 6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (call 790-4699)
 - 7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
 - Saturday
 - 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Main Post Chapel (every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)
- Protestant Youth of the Chapel**
- Saturday
 - 11 a.m. Magruder Chapel (third Saturday)
 - Sunday
 - 5 p.m. Main Post Chapel
- CATHOLIC**
- Monday through Thursday
 - 11:30 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
 - Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Mass (Solomon Center)
 - 9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)

- 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School
 - 11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)
 - 12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
 - 8 p.m. McCrady Chapel (SCARNG), McCrady Training Center
 - Wednesday
 - 7 p.m. Rosary
 - 7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adulity Inquiry
- ANGLICAN/LITURGICAL**
- Sunday
 - 8 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- ISLAMIC**
- Sunday
 - 8 to 10 a.m. Islamic Studies, Main Post Chapel
 - Friday
 - 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. Jumah Services, Main Post Chapel
- JEWISH**
- Sunday
 - 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel
 - 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study, Post Conference Room
- CHURCH OF CHRIST**
- Sunday

- 11:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- LATTER DAY SAINTS**
- Sunday
 - 9:30 a.m. Anderson Street Chapel
- ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS**
- Daniel Circle Chapel**
3359 Daniel Circle, corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-4478
- Main Post Chapel**
4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Avenue, 751-6469
- Bayonet Chapel**
9476 Kemper St., 751-4542
- Family Life Chaplain**
4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780
- Anderson Street Chapel**
2335 Anderson St., corner of Jackson Boulevard, 751-7032
- Education Center**
4581 Scales Ave.
- Magruder Chapel**
4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883
- 120th AG Bn. Chapel**
1895 Washington St., 751-5086
- Memorial Chapel**
4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324
- U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School**
10100 Lee Road, 751-8050

Where there's a will, there's a say

Document ensures deceased, not court decides estate fate

By **CAPT. HERBERT BUNTON III**
Office of the Staff Judge Advocate

When a person dies without a will (or dies "intestate," as the law calls it) the property of the deceased is distributed according to a formula fixed by law. In other words, those who do not make a will have no say about how their property is divided. Take the case of a South Carolina resident who dies without a will.

If this person is survived by any children, the surviving spouse would share the estate with the children. With no will, the surviving spouse receives half of the intestate estate and the surviving children receive the other half. Many times, people prefer all of their estate, if it is not large, go to the surviving spouse. If there are any children under 18, the property cannot be delivered to them and a guardian must be appointed for them.

A guardian may require a considerable expense and could create legal problems that might have been avoided with a will. Most important for mothers and fathers, however, is not the disposition of their property after their death but rather the proper care and custody of their minor children. Grandparents, other family members and godparents do not automatically receive custody of children who do not have a surviving parent.

The will should specify the person, as well as an alternate, whom the parents

would like to designate as the guardian of their children. This decision will be of great assistance to the court in determining who will receive the custody of the children.

WHAT IS MY ESTATE?

A person's estate includes all of his or property and personal property (for example, clothing, jewelry) that the person owns at the time of his or her death. This includes real and personal property, cash, savings and checking accounts, stocks, bonds, real estate, automobiles, etc. Insurance policies are not included in a person's estate for purposes of a will. A will also cannot change the beneficiary named in any insurance policy. Contact the insurance company to change the beneficiary for any policies.

CAN I LEAVE MY PROPERTY IN ANY WAY I CHOOSE?

Sometimes, but not always. For example, in South Carolina, a married person cannot completely exclude a spouse. Generally, a person is free to give his or her property to whomever he or she desires. However, most states have laws that entitle spouses to at least part of the other spouse's estate. This statutory share ranges from one-third to one-half of the other spouse's estate. Some states, such as Louisiana, also provide shares of the estate to children of

the decedent. A will does not always transfer property held in the names of both husband and wife. Jointly owned property with the right of survivorship (like bank accounts and real estate property) often will pass to the surviving spouse by law, not by the terms in the will.

Sometimes married couples who have agreed to separate decide not to divorce. Often, these separated couples wish to omit their spouses from their wills. In South Carolina, if a spouse is not mentioned in a will, the spouse can claim one-half of the decedent's estate. Even if a person states he or she wants to disinherit his or her spouse but is still married at the time of his or her death, the spouse can elect to receive one-

third of the descendant's property.

WHAT IS A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE OR EXECUTOR?

A personal representative, or executor, is the person who will manage and settle the estate in accordance with the provisions in the descendant's will. The representative essentially makes sure the wishes in the will are carried out. Name a substitute personal representative in case the named personal representative is unable or unwilling to act as the personal representative of the estate.

Contact the Fort Jackson Legal Office for help with questions about property that is held with the right of survivorship, statutory share law in your home state or any other concerns regarding wills.

Legal assistance help is available for service members, retirees and their families with their wills and estate planning documents. Call the Legal Assistance Office at 751-4287 to schedule an appointment to discuss Wills and Estate Planning documents with an attorney.

Fort Jackson Legal Office

The Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office provides legal services to eligible people, including powers of attorney, living wills and health care powers of attorney.

These services are available through an appointment with a legal assistance attorney 9 to 11:30 a.m. all week, or on a walk-in basis on Thursday.

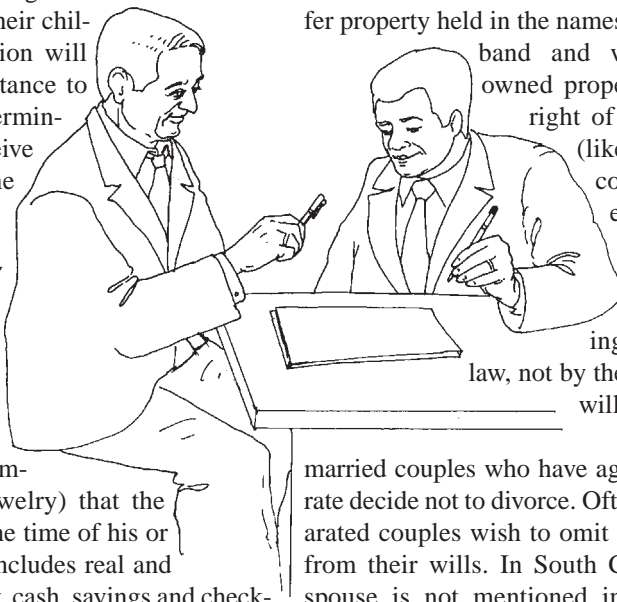
Power of attorney, living will and

health care power of attorney walk-in clients are seen 1:30 to 4 p.m., Tuesday.

Customers who need a will fixed must make an appointment.

Call 751-4287 to make an appointment.

The Legal Assistance Office is located at 9475 Kershaw Road on the corner of Kemper Street and Kershaw Road.



Don't hold your breath



Photo by TERRANCE A. BELL, Fort Lee Traveller

Scott Dale, Soldier Support Institute, makes his way through the water during the sustainment Bowl swimming event. The Combined Arms Support Command hosted the second annual event at Fort Lee, Va., Sept. 1. SSI teams placed first in football, 5K, soccer and basketball, giving them a second-place overall finish.

‘Do it in pink’ during 3-hour fitness event

By PAMELA GREENE
Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation

One of the best ways to get people to participate in exercise is to attach a worthy cause to it. And that is exactly what the Fort Jackson Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation’s Fitness Department aims to do with its “Do It in Pink” aerobathon.

The aerobathon is aimed at increasing breast cancer awareness while also keeping (or getting) participants fit. Join the department, and hosts of other fitness buffs, 10 a.m., Sept. 18, at the Solomon Center for a three-hour workout. This is a really a great time for those who have not worked out in a while to come on out.

The aerobathon, which will feature workouts in Zumba, step, kickboxing and abdominal work, is open to everyone, from beginners to fitness veterans. Participants may join in the entire three hours and pick and choose which classes to attend. Water and fresh fruit will also be available.

The Saturday-morning event has just one rule; participants — men and women — must “do it in pink.” While entire pink outfits will be embraced, wearing just a hint of the color will show participant’s dedication to the event.

Are you ready for some football?

Post players prep for fantasy football season

By CHRIS RASMUSSEN
Fort Jackson Leader

Fantasy football season is here and Soldiers, civilians and family members across Fort Jackson are preparing to build their perfect teams.

“I started playing when I was a teenager and have continued playing ever since,” said Sgt. 1st Class Kenneth Odom, who belongs to three leagues, including one with his unit, Company C, 2nd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment. “When playing fantasy football every game matters. It is no longer about your favorite team or players.”

Fantasy football is a game in which participants build an imaginary team of NFL players and score points based on those players’ actual stats each week. The two main types of competition formats are head-to-head, with weekly games played against specific opponents, and total points, in which the cumulative points at the end of the season determine the winner.

Leagues may consist of four to as many as 20 teams and vary in rules and drafting formats. Each team owner must designate which players from the team roster will start each week. The starters are the only players who can score points.

“One of the reasons I play is so that I can

come to work and talk trash with the other players in the league,” Odom said. “Just being able to share the season and fun with friends and family makes it exciting.”

Staff Sgt. Jeffrey Dawson, who has played in Company C, 2-60th, for the past two seasons said fantasy football can be a little difficult for those who have never played before.

“My first year I was new to the whole fantasy football concept and it was really frustrating learning and getting messed with for not doing well,” Dawson said. “When one of your reserve players does better than someone you had starting, it can get frustrating, too.”

Members of all five branches of the military are invited to play in a free fantasy football league that features such prizes as \$100,000, a trip to Super Bowl XLV and championship rings. The League is sponsored by Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Registration and drafts must be completed by Sept. 12.

“The great thing about the MRW league is that an unlimited number of players can play for free,” said John Pure, league director. “A lot of leagues cost money and now thousands of Soldiers can play for absolutely no cost.”

Participants can create an account and begin drafting teams at www.mwrfantasysports.com. Each player can draft up to 60 teams. Each player will draft and play a full season against 11 other players.

Rosters will consist of 20 players and starting lineups are made up of nine offensive players and one defensive or special teams player.

The league is for entertainment purposes, Pure said, and may not be used in connection with any form of gambling. It is open to all active duty personnel, their family members, retirees, reservists, National Guard and DoD civilians.

All participants must be 18 years of age or older at the time of registration and have public or private Internet access as of Sept. 15. The overall military winner, based on the total number of points throughout the season, will receive a trip for two to Super Bowl XLV in Dallas on Feb. 6.

“Having all of our service members around the world playing is pretty cool,” Pure said. “And the bottom line is it doesn’t cost anything.”

Other fantasy football leagues can be found on espn.com and yahoo.com.

“Playing in a fantasy football league makes the NFL games more fun all around,” Dawson said. “Everyone has his or her own favorite teams and you want to root for your team, but you have the opposing quarterback on your fantasy team which makes you want to root for him, too.”

Although participating in a league can be fun, it also has its downside.

“One of the most frustrating things about it is you could be having a great season and then your No. 1 overall pick gets injured for the year,” Odom said. “You are then left scrambling to find a suitable replacement. But that is also what makes it exciting.”

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Sports shorts

- ❑ Letters of intent for active duty flag football are due by noon, Sept. 22 to the Sports Office.
- ❑ The deadline to sign up for fall tennis is Sept. 29. This active-duty only league has novice, intermediate and advanced categories.
- ❑ For information about on-post sports, call the Sports Office at 751-3096.

Golf standings

Intramural		Recreational	
TFM #1	1929.5	Heavy Hitters	977.0
187th	1696.5	That's Good	913.5
193rd	1510.5	Sand baggers	836.0
MEDDAC	1447.5	USASSI	787.0
Marines	1384.5	TFM	748.0
TSB	1383.0	ICBM	634.0
3-60th	1258.0	369th	556.5
3-34th	1179.0		
4-10th	1152.0	*Standings as of	
120th	1120.0	Sept. 1	
1-34th	966.5		
2-39th	756.0		
2-60th	455.0		

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